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Honorable Richard Helms  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

Recently General James D. Alger, Commanding General, United States Army Forces Southern Command, communicated to me his concern over communist penetration of the Latin American educational systems and its potential long range adverse impact on U. S. policies in Latin America. He expressed specific concern that the national intelligence community has as yet been unable to produce a definitive and comprehensive study on this dangerous aspect of communist subversion in Latin America.

Although appreciating the fact that the Department of the Army is not primarily responsible for this problem area, the inherent security ramifications relate directly to any contingency planning for the deployment of US Forces in Latin America. The possibility that General Alger, through his command, can assist in counteracting this communist influence, prompts me to solicit your cooperation in identifying and evaluating the potential threat of communist penetration of the educational systems in Latin America.

I will appreciate any assistance your agency can provide the Army in its efforts to isolate and define these activities.

Sincerely,

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